

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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EXPANSION UPGRADATION OF TELECOMMUNICATION WORKS IN A.P.

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of works related to progress, expansion and upgradation of telecommunications in the rural and urban areas of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) whether the progress in the rural areas is very slow;

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) The details of the works undertaken for development, expansion and upgradation of telecom services in rural and urban areas of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years is given in the annexure.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

(d) For the faster development of telecom network in rural area, the following steps have been taken:

(i) Large-scale deployment of Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) network in rural areas to substitute the landline network.

(ii) Relaxation of the outdoor cable norms to 5 Kms. against the earlier standard of 2.5 Kms for landline connectivity wherever such demand exists.

(iii) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is deploying its mobile network in all the Highways, important towns, pilgrim centers and State highways in that order of priority, which gives incidental coverage to large parts of rural areas.

ANNEXURE

DETAILS OF THE WORKS UNERTAKEN FOR DEVELOPMENT, EXPANSION AND UPGRADATION OF TELECOM SERVICES IN RURAL AND URBAN AREAS OF ANDHRA PRADESH DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS

I. DEVELOPMENT

Sl. No	Work Item		Year 2002-03	Year 2003-04	Year 2004-05
1	New Telephone Exchange	Urban	13	11	12
		Rural	141	65	24
		Total	154	76	36
2	OFC (RKMs.)		3868	804	400
3	VPT Provided	Rural	0	0	180
4	Broadband	Urban	-	-	37
					DSLAMs install ed
5	WLL (No. of BTSS Commissioned)		07	107	-

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II. EXPANSION

ITEM		Year 2002-03	Year 2003-04	Year 2004-05
Expansion of L/L	Urban	24,186	(-	21,248
	Rural	1,29,793	)1,37,973	20,010
Switches			2,44,235	
Expansion of WLL Capacity		3,500	1,13,500	-

III. UPGRADATION

Sl. No	Item	Year 2002-03	Year 2003-04	Year 2004-05
1	SBM to RSU conversion	121	180	202
2	C256 conversion to AN RAX	0	308 Boards	838 Boards

Note: OFC- Optical Fibre Cable

RKMS Route Kilometers

BTS- Base Transmitting Station

L/L- Land Line

SBM- Single Base Module

RSU- Remote Switching Unit

AN RAX- Access Node Rural Automatic Exchange

DSLAM- Digital Subscriber Line Access Module *****